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ATHENS PLEASE PASS ASST LEGAL ADVISOR LOUIS G. FIELDS

1. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPLIED TO OUR NOTE ON TVA
ISSUE (REF A). SUBSTANTIVE SECTIONS OF BELGIAN REPLY IN
EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOW:

"FIRST, THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO SPECIFY THAT
THE BELGIAN AUTHORITIES CANNOT ENVISAGE APPLYING THE
BELGO-AMERICAN MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 18 AND APRIL 7, 1952
INDIVIDUALLY TO MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN FORCES ESPECIALLY
SO IN MATTER OF LODGING, PURCHASE OF GOODS AND THE
FURNISHING OF SERVICES. THIS MEMORANDUM CANNOT FORM
THE BASIS FOR A JUSTIFICATION OF EXEMPTION FROM TVA FOR
INDIVIDUALS.

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IN ADDITION, BECAUSE OF ARTICLE IX PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE JUNE 19,

1951 LONDON CONVENTION, MEMBERS OF THE FORCES AS
INDIVIDUALS, ARE SUBJECT TO THE FISCAL REGULATIONS OF THE STATE
WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED IN MATTERS OF DUTIES OR TAXES APPLIED TO
THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.
THIS OBLIGATION OF ARTICLE IX PARAGRAPH 8 IS ALSO APPLICABLE
TO A FOREIGN FORCE STATIONED IN BELGIUM."

2. APPOINTMENT FOR LEGAL ADVISOR FIELDS AND EMBASSY
OFFICER WITH PRESIDENT OF CISHIC AMBASSADOR VERWILGHEN
HAS BEEN SET UP FOR 1600 FRIDAY JULY 11. REFTEL B
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